



County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

May eBLAST

You're Invited!

On Saturday, May 10, 2014, the County Board of Supervisors invites you to be a part of history by celebrating the grand opening of the region's largest and free waterfront park in San Diego County. This free celebration is packed with activities for kids and adults alike. It all starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 10, at downtown's historic County Administration Center across from the Embarcadero. Come help celebrate the Waterfront Park Grand Opening on Saturday May 10! For more information on the event please visit www.sdparks.org.



Planning & Development Services Presents Customer Service and Efficiency Improvements to Solar Industry Group



Planning & Development Services (PDS) was invited to speak at the California Solar Energy Industry Association (CALSEIA) San Diego chapter meeting on Earth Day, April 22. About 35 representatives from the solar and renewable energy industry attended. Continuing the County's partnership and outreach to this growing industry, PDS staff presented a brief overview of the department's goals and its overall commitment to innovation, as well as permit trends for housing and solar permits. The presentation highlighted newly deployed online permitting tools and automation developments improving customer service.

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Everyone who attended received the presentation enthusiastically and gave positive feedback on PDS' commitment to innovation and overall customer service. Increased outreach and strengthened partnerships with industries have proven critical to the success and efficiency of these efforts.

PDS Initiates Biannual Meetings with Community Planning and Sponsor Group Chairs

Community Planning and Sponsor Groups are an important part of the County's land use process. PDS will hold biannual meetings with the group chairpersons to have an open discussion about land use issues. The first meeting, held on April 12, included a presentation about PDS goals and current initiatives and information provided by DPW Watershed Protection staff about the new stormwater permit requirements. The chairpersons will be notified of all future meetings by Advance Planning staff member Sheri McPherson; Sheri can be reached at Sheri.McPherson@sdcounty.ca.gov



Vacant Property Gets a Cleaning



PDS Code Compliance (staff) received reports from neighbors and the Sheriff's Department about a property in Jamul that had a vacant and unsecured house. The yard areas were full of household garbage, junk, old construction debris and at least six vehicles that were dismantled and rusted.

There were also signs that vagrants were using the house for temporary shelter. After being contacted by staff, the absentee property owner secured the house and cleaned the property. The property still remains vacant but the owner has identified someone local to keep an eye on things.



Did you know?
In 1866, one of the largest California Grizzly Bears (*Ursus arctos californicus*) in recorded history was killed. The bear weighed 2,200 pounds and led to the original name of Bear Valley, which was then changed to Valley Center in 1874. Something to think about the next time you are on Bear Valley Parkway.

Online Services

[Citizen Access Portal](#)

Research property information and permits. Apply for some permits online.

[GIS Maps](#)

Determine the zoning and characteristics of properties with our web-based mapping tool.



PDS Staff Highlight

Andy Klima is an Associate Accountant in our Support Services Division. He has been with the County for 12 years, eight with PDS. Andy consistently performs at the highest skill levels. He provided tremendous support during our deployment of Accela Automation and has performed numerous other duties, including configuring, testing, and implementing various financial reports for Accela. He also serves as the chairperson for the Land Use and Environmental Group (LUEG) financial working group and is highly regarded as an expert in providing technical advice for other LUEG departments. Mr. Klima continues to be a joy to work with and a valuable asset to our department. Thank you Andy for all you do!



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